

STATE OF MAINE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 1999-286

**April 19, 2001**

MT. BLUE STANDARD WATER DISTRICT  
Application for Approval of Issue  
Of Securities (§ 902)(\$1,718,810)

**AMENDED ORDER**

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

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On April 29, 1999 the, Mt. Blue Standard Water District (the District) filed with the Commission its application for authority to issue its bond in a sum not to exceed \$1,212,500 through the Maine Municipal Bond Bank, at an annual rate not to exceed 0 percent. The debt will be paid over a term not to exceed 30 years. Under the disadvantaged community assistance provisions of the Revolving Loan Fund up to \$686,457.28 of the bond issue will be principal forgiveness, resulting in a principal payback of at least \$526,042.72

The District requires these funds to construct a new water source and a new water storage reservoir as required to comply with the Safe Drinking Water Act.

In a letter from Richard M. Schade, attorney for the District dated April 27, 2000, the District is requesting that the application be amended to reflect an additional \$336,810 borrowing through the Bond Bank for the purposes of constructing new water mains. The Acting Director of Finance approved this additional borrowing in an Amended Order dated May 11, 2000.

**By letter dated April 11, 2001, the District is requesting that the application be again amended to reflect an additional borrowing through the Bond Bank of \$169,500 to complete the project. This borrowing will be on the same terms and conditions as the original \$1,212,500 and the additional \$336,810. These three amounts will be combined into one bond in the amount of \$1,718,810, resulting in a new principal forgiveness of up to \$1,066,190 leaving a principal payback of at least \$652,620.**

Pursuant to an Amended Delegation Order dated January 9, 1996 in Docket No. 93-169, the Commission delegated to the Director of Finance its authority under 35-A M.R.S.A., Chapter 9, and 11, to approve water utility financing applications, including those that involve mortgaging utility property, for Maine Municipal Bond Bank, Rural Economic & Community Development Administration and their successors. This delegation in no way limits the Commission's authority to review the decision of the Director of Finance pursuant thereto or to directly consider requests for variations. The Director of Finance's approval shall be in the form of an Order, copies of which shall be maintained in the files of the office of the Administrative Director.

Having reviewed the application of the District, together with data filed in support of it, it is the opinion of the Commission that the proceeds of the issuance of the bond are required in good faith for the purposes enumerated in 35-A M.R.S.A. § 901. In approving this securities issue, consistent with normal practice and pursuant to §902 (4), the Commission does not imply approval of the District's capital needs or capitalization ratio for ratemaking purposes, nor does this Order limit or restrict the powers of the Commission in determining or fixing any rate.

Accordingly, pursuant to the Amended Delegation Order dated January 9, 1996, in Docket No. 93-169, I

O R D E R

1. That the Mt. Blue Standard Water District is hereby authorized to issue its bond in a sum not to exceed **\$1,718,810** to be used solely for the purposes described in this Order, and at a rate not to exceed 0 percent per year through the State Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund administered through the Maine Municipal Bond Bank.
2. That the District report to the Commission, in writing its doings pursuant to this Order within sixty (60) days of the date of the issue of the proposed bond, or **August 31, 2001**, whichever may come first.
3. That a copy of this Order be mailed to interested parties and this Docket be closed.

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this **19th** day of **April, 2001**.

BY ORDER OF THE ACTING DIRECTOR  
OF FINANCE

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Richard Kania  
Acting Director of Finance

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5 M.R.S.A. § 9061 requires the Public Utilities Commission to give each party to an adjudicatory proceeding written notice of the party's rights to review or appeal of its decision made at the conclusion of the adjudicatory proceeding. The methods of review or appeal of PUC decisions at the conclusion of an adjudicatory proceeding are as follows:

1. Reconsideration of the Commission's Order may be requested under Section 1004 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (65-407 C.M.R.110) within 20 days of the date of the Order by filing a petition with the Commission stating the grounds upon which reconsideration is sought.
2. Appeal of a final decision of the Commission may be taken to the Law Court by filing, within 30 days of the date of the Order, a Notice of Appeal with the Administrative Director of the Commission, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320(1)-(4) and the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 73, et seq.
3. Additional court review of constitutional issues or issues involving the justness or reasonableness of rates may be had by the filing of an appeal with the Law Court, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320(5).

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